Formulation of a new employment Scheme in Punjab

3086. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated any new scheme for unemployed young persons in Punjab particularly for the rural and border areas of the State under the rural development programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL(: (a) and (b) No new scheme for the unemployed young persons in Punjab particularly for the rural and border areas of the State has been formulated under rural development programmes. However, the on-going rural development programme like (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) provide ample employment opportunities for the unemployed young persons in every State/U.T. Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRY SEM) which is a sub-component of IRDP, aims to provide basic technical and managerial skills to rural youth from families below the poverty line to enable them to take up self-employment in agriculture and other sectors.

Implementation of land reform measures

3087. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land reform measures are not being implemented effectively in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to fix some time limit for implementation of land reform measures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that land reforms measures are not implemented effectively in the country. As a result of effective implementation of various land reforms measures 20 million cultivators were brought in direct contact with the State abolishing intermediary interests. 110.40 lakh cultivators were given secure tenancy rights or their rights are protected over 144.29 lakh acres of land 50.08 lakh acres of land has been distributed out of 72.94 lakh acres declared surplus, to 47.78 lakh beneficiaries. 1510.09 lakh acres of land were consolidated besides 23.23 lakh acres of Bhoodan land and 124.61 lakh acres of wasteland were also distributed, computerisation of land records have been undertaken on pilot basis in 21 districts. Efforts in this direction are continuing.

(c) and (d) Agrarain reforms is a continuing process, therefore, it is not possible to fix any time limit for their implementation. However, the Conference of Revenue Ministers held on 14th March, 1992 recommended that available ceiling surplus land be distributed by 30th June, 1992 and that 75 per cent of the land involved in litigation in Revenue Courts must be freed from such litigations to make it available for distribution. Such distribution should be completed by 30th September, 1992. As a result of this decision special drive to distribute ceiling surplus land was undertaken. This drive is still going on and area of 2.10 lakh acres has been distributed from October, 1991 to January, 1993.